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Ms. Tracie Billington
California Department of Water Resources
VIA Email: tracieb@water.ca.gov

Subject: Comments on the Evaluation and Scoring of the Proposition 50

Planning Grant Application (PIN # 5078)

Dear Ms. Billington:

The San Luis County Flood Control and Water Conservation District appreciates the opportunity to provide comments on the evaluation and scoring of our recent proposition 50 planning grant application. After reviewing our application and the comments provided by your agency we believe that the evaluator(s) conducted a fair and accurate review of our application

Although many of the deficiencies pointed out in the evaluation are now addressed in the draft IRWMP, our agency is committed to on-going improvements in our regional water planning efforts. Our short term IRWMP objective is to meet the State standard by this December. As illustrated by the planning grant application itself, our longer term objective is to continue to enhance the planning effort. Your comments on our initial planning grant application will provide valuable assistance as we work towards these objectives.

Please be assured that the San Luis County Flood Control and Water Conservation District is committed to the IRWMP process. We support the Department of Water Resource's efforts on the California Water Plan and look forward to integrating our regional plans with the statewide effort. The District appreciates the leadership taken by your department and hopes to continue to take the steps necessary bring this region into alignment with the statewide goals and objectives iterated in the Water Plan and in proposition 50.

If you have any questions or need more information from us, please feel free to contact Mark Hutchinson, our Environmental Programs Manager, at (805) 78105458.

Sincerely,

NOEL KING Director of Public Works